

## The Essential Public Health Services

## In Plain English

<b>1</b> Monitor health status to identify health problems	What's going on in our state? Do we know how healthy we are?
<b>2</b> Diagnose and investigate health problems and health hazards	Are we ready to respond to health problems or threats? How quickly do we find out about problems? How effective is our response?
<b>3</b> Inform, educate, and empower people about health issues	How well do we keep all people and segments of our state informed about health issues so they can make healthy choices?
<b>4</b> Mobilize partnerships to identify and solve health problems	How well do we really get people and organizations engaged in health issues?
<b>5</b> Develop policies and plans that support individual and statewide health efforts	What policies promote health in our state? How effective are we in planning and in setting health policies?
<b>6</b> Enforce laws and regulations that protect health and ensure safety	When we enforce health regulations are we up-to-date, technically competent, fair and effective?
<b>7</b> Link people to needed health services and assure the provision of health care when otherwise unavailable	Are people receiving the health services they need?
<b>8</b> Assure competent public and personal health care workforce	Do we have a competent public health staff? How can we be sure that our staff stays current?
<b>9</b> Evaluate effectiveness, accessibility, and quality of personal and population-based health services	Are we doing any good? Are we doing things right? Are we doing the right things?
<b>10</b> Research for new insights and innovative solutions to health problems	Are we discovering and using new ways to get the job done?